



From the Pastor's Desk:

The debate on immigration policy is not unlike the one about salvation which is reflected in today's Gospel. In effect, the question is the same: who gets in, and who is left out? Portrayed as a land of opportunity in literature, entertainment, and pop culture, the United States is an attractive destination to many who are seeking a better way of life. Here, in this country, they believe that they can attain something that is beyond their reach in their own land. The question raised by those already here is, "How sustainable is this constant influx of people?"

The question posed to Jesus was, "Who gets into the kingdom of heaven?" Unlike the limited resources of a nation, the kingdom of God is limitless. But there are still some criteria for getting in. What Jesus points out is that these criteria are not set up by human enactment, but by God. We may all be surprised by whom we are dining with at the table in the kingdom of God!

Father William

Bereavement Training Program will be offered at St. Hedwig Church **Sept. 4 through Oct. 23**. Giving compassionate support to those who have lost loved ones is an important ministry in our parish. For information concerning Bereavement Ministry and/or this training program, please call Nancy, 429-2546.

Ministry to the Homebound - If you are unable to attend Sunday Mass and would like to have Holy Communion brought to your home, please call the rectory or Nancy, 429-2546. A convenient date and time will be scheduled for the visit by a trained minister.

Adult Confirmation Classes will be held at Our Lady of Refuge auditorium, on Sundays, **September 9 through December, 9:15-11:15 am**. Rite of Confirmation will be held December 11 at Our Lady of Refuge. Please call our Religious Education Department to register, 598-0519.



Last week: \$ 7,595.80
Last year: \$12,151

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What daily choices am I making that allow me to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of God?

Child: What good habits am I practicing in order to be a good Christian?

Teen: What personal prejudices or preconceptions cause me to judge others, and what can I do to release them?



From Deacon Don's Desk:

In Jesus' first "homily", He said: "The time has come; the kingdom of God is upon you; repent and believe the Gospel." When we come to Mass, we come to worship which requires that we repent. After the "gathering" and welcome we "call to mind our sins". Shh.. don't tel them to me!

A handy hint that works for me (in trying to be a fully, active and conscious participant) is to focus on the part of the penitential rite prayer "...in what I have FAILED to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, and all the angels and saints, and to YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, to pray for me to the Lord our God." I try to look upon you and sincerely ask you to pray for me. Look upon your neighbors and sincerely ask them to pray for you.

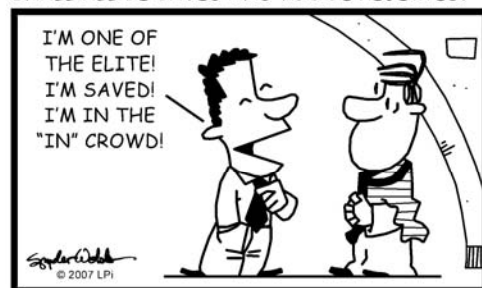
When it comes to the "Gloria" we need to be reminded that our every actions is always to give Glory to God. I recall in my early years the good nuns would make us bow or nod our heads when we said Jesus' name. Do we still have that sense of reverence? After all, He is the one that gives us life everlasting.

All of this is to prepare us for the Gospel. The "Good News". The inspired Word of God. The homily is to "break open the Word". But you can do that as well as any homilist if we but sit and take one part of the Gospel and focus on it. After reading it a few times a word or phrase will grab you and you should stay with that and let it grow. (See section "Focus" for reflections). Sometimes the Word will give us a jolt, a wake up call. "...some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last,"

"Silent and listen are spelled with the same letters."
-Anon

My Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world. In our desire for what You promise make us on in mind and heart. We ask this in Your Son's name.... Amen.

21ST ORDINARY SUNDAY
SHALL ALL BE SAVED AND YOU BE REJECTED?



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary & Middle School Program: Registration forms for next Fall have been mailed. Please return at your earliest convenience. Deadline for reduced fee is **August 31**. If you were registered last year and did not receive a form, please contact our office at **598-0519**.

New families may call our office for information and registration forms.

Sacrament Program: Preparation for receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is a **two year** program which usually begins at the First Grade level. Older children may receive the sacraments through our **RCIA for Children Program**. Please call the Religious Education Office at **598-0519** for further information.

REGISTRATION SUNDAY: Religious Education will be taking registration for new and returning students in our **Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School Programs** on Sunday, **September 9**, after the **9:00am and 10:30am Masses** in the Parish Activity Center. Students entering our Sacrament Program for the First Year will need to supply a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

Early Childhood: Our year runs Sept. - April. Sign up NOW for the 2007-2008 school year! Registration forms are in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon, 430-6840 for more info.

Sunday Nursery: We have caretakers for the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses, holidays included!

Inquiry Class: This class is for adults interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. Adults who were baptized in the Catholic Church, but have not received other Sacraments are also invited. For more information, please call Olga or Shane Cuda at 493-0541.



Labor Day Holiday - Have fun - do not labor!
Meetings as follows:

Sept. 10 - 2nd Monday, regular announcements, etc.

NOTE NEW DATE for Cruise pickup from Montroes Travel is Sept. 10 at 2:00pm.

Sept. 17 - 3rd Monday, games, etc.

Oct. 1 - Meeting and announcements, reservations for Nov. 7 Observatory trip. Please bring checks only!

Oct 12-21 - Cruise - Fall Foliage, visit Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, & Maine. 9 nights on Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. **Cruise open to all!!!!**

Oct. 24 - We will be back from our cruise & have games, etc. & pictures

Nov. 7 - Griffith Park Observatory with lunch at Phillipp's French Dip Restaurant, \$50 per person includes bus driver tip, round trip bus transportation, shuttle service to Observatory, & admission to Planetarium. Show includes seats, & bottled water on bus. Lunch includes choice of sandwich with cheese, one side salad, dessert & beverage. Must have 42 people. **Reservations will not be taken until the October 1st meeting.**

Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Mary Jane Mulick is at The Suburban Promise, 16453 S. Colorado Ave., Paramount, 90723, 562-408-3160.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - Luke, the Gentile, is very interested in God's all-embracing love, a love not limited to certain ethnic or religious groups. In the Gospel Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. Those with him want to know if those who will be saved are few in number. Jesus was not about to set limits on God's saving power. He was concerned that they use God's power. They are to know that God's generosity must be matched by generosity on their part. Going through a "narrow door" is difficult; one has to work at it. It isn't like slipping through a wide, open passageway in the midst of a large crowd. There is to be a personal, practical response to God's invitation.

Life Focus - * Going through a "narrow door" is difficult; one has to work at it. In order to make it through the narrow door, what changes do you need to make in your life that you have been putting off? **God loves all people, even the ones you find the most unacceptable? How does this challenge you?* *Jesus is saying that people are not saved by being members of a certain group (ethnic, religious, etc.) but by acting on a commitment. As a Catholic, how do you feel about this? **Describe a time in your life when you really felt you had it all together, only to find out you were really off track.* *Recall an incident in your life when you missed something important because you were too self-centered. **Name a time when you took the easy way out, instead of doing the better course of action.*

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We need to e-mail you your schedules. Please call the rectory office or e-mail Gene Ensck at GSENSCH@charter.net with the information. We have noticed that a lot of us are not showing.



Bible Fellowship continues....
September 11, Book of Revelation
Doomsday or Hope and Encouragement?

Let's break the code together.

Please register ahead (by August 25)
Classes held Tuesdays 9 am and 7 pm
Call Rita Smith for information, 562-533-1243

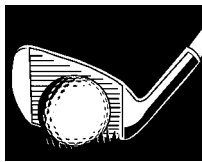


Woman's Retreat Sept. 7-9
Sacred Heart Retreat House

Retreat theme: "Under the Torrent of His Merciful Love." Directed by Rev.

Eugene Morris. Now is the time to make your reservations by calling Tina, 598-5202 or Madeline, 596-6219.

Save the Date - Precious Life Shelter Annual Golf Tournament, **Sept. 26**, at the Seal Beach Navy Course, 12:30 Shotgun. To play, volunteer, sponsor or donate, contact: Precious Life Shelter, 431-5025, Amelia Nunez, 889-0380, or Don Gath, 498-6701. Sponsored by Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Long Beach.



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Save the Date! Annual St. Joseph School Golf Tournament, Friday, October 5.

Volunteers wanted at Sacred Heart Retreat House - Nov. 3 from 9am to 4 pm, for their boutique and family festival. The kitchen director is in dire need of volunteers. The Carmelite Sisters would be very grateful if you could donate a day or some hours. Please email Laura at spfuctions@pacbell.net or call at 626-289-1353 x 203.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN - FINGERPRINTING

For all those who still need to be fingerprinted for volunteering with our parish children, here is the list of sites in our San Pedro Region for the month of **August**. Please call for an appointment.

- Aug. 24** - Holy Trinity, San Pedro, 310-833-0703 ext. 200
- Aug. 25** - American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach, 310-546-4734

Need Service Hours??? Stop by the nursery at the 9:00 or 10:30 Mass and help Miss Yvonne with the little ones.

The History of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Come to the rectory to see this beautiful hardcover book filled with colorful pictures. We have many copies available for sale at only \$40 each. As Cardinal Mahony states, this book is "the most extensive, comprehensive and elegant of any of its kind yet published in our nation."

LABOR DAY MASS

Annual Archdiocesan Labor Day Mass will take place on Monday, **September 3, 2007** at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Our Lady of The Angels, at 555 West Temple St., Los Angeles, 90012. Cardinal Roger Mahony will be presiding the Mass. Come join workers who struggle for a living wage, better working conditions, justice and dignity for all.

When being sorry isn't enough...

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential. Retreat will take place September 21-23, 2007 at the Claretian Renewal Center in Los Angeles, CA. Cost is \$175 per person. For more information or registration, please call 866-2-RACHEL or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Thank you to all the parishioners who donated so generously to our food drive for Catholic Charities. There were about 125 filled grocery bags collected. Catholic Charities is

very appreciative of all that we do to help those families in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 19, Wednesday- 7:30pm meeting in the PAC center.
- October 6 and 7- "Feed A Baby" weekend

L.B. Project Achieve.... Call us or Tina Gath for details. Can you help us once a month?

Please keep using the **BLUE** "Skip-a-Meal" Envelopes. Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal. Thank you for all you do!! John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

Did You Know..

FIVE TIPS FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The Archdiocese mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the VIR-TUS program. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse: 1. **Know** the warning signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child. 2. **Control** access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth. 3, **Monitor** all programs for the safety of children and youth. 4. **Be aware** of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children. 5. **Communicate** concerns to the appropriate person in authority.

Are you retired and looking for social activities and trips? Call 596-6981 or 596-8287.

Don't Take a Vacation from Mass - To find a Mass time, call 410-676-6000 or visit www.parishesonline.com.

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

Whether you are a long-time resident, newly arrived, or a visitor, we wish you the Peace, Joy and Love of Christ.

Everyone 18 years and older is invited to register and become a member of our parish community. If we can help you in any way, please call us at **562-594-4657**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

I would like to register
 This is a change of address and/or phone
 I am moving out of the parish

Please drop in the collection basket or rectory mailbox.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, August 25**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family
- SUNDAY, August 26**
 7:30 AM - † Al Maligie
 9:00 AM - Francis & Nora Devine & family, living
 10:30 AM - † George Evano
 12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- MONDAY, August 27**
 8:00 AM - Noel & Mary Devine & family, living
- TUESDAY, August 28**
 8:00 AM - † Mary E. Shaffer
- WEDNESDAY, August 23**
 8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride
- THURSDAY, August 30**
 8:00 AM - † Jane Mais
- FRIDAY, August 31**
 8:00 AM - † Ramon Garcia
- SATURDAY, September 1**
 5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, September 2**
 7:30 AM - † John DeRuyter
 9:00 AM - Patrick Devine, living
 10:30 AM - † Manuela Nellie Barycki
 12:30 PM - † Mary Unz

Please remember in your prayers the men and women of the Armed Forces who are currently serving our country in the Middle East and elsewhere, especially those of our parish families, including:

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| Vincent Vezzetti | Amy Mann |
| Glen Warren | Nick Compton |
| Joseph Comfort | Irene Avila |
| Peter LuPiba | Scott Williams |
| Justin Ray | Justin Christopherson |
| Timothy Ring | |

We would like to have a framed picture of your loved one serving in the Service to display in the back of the church. Please include a number so we can contact you.

To add a name to the list, please call the rectory, 594-4657.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Toni Morrison, Irene Risko, Stacey Cormier, Jeanne Sexton, Christina Knight, Benjamin Gentry, Vicky Munda, Bert Willis, John Barycki, Phil McCafferty, Mary Mariano, Anna Sharples, Paul Halliburton, Lydia Simpson, Susan Meicht, Elizabeth Rouse, David Sudakou, Jesse Torres, Helen Belli, Dick Ingalls, Cletus Schmidt, Tony Bernardo, David Dresnick, Margaret DeRuyter, Christopher Moore, Lala Rocha, Diane Stowers, Hugo Jorda, Katie Hofkenschaid, Jim Correira, Lucille Heilman, Jovencio Banares, Mary Wiegand, Sharon Conroy, Frank Thornton, William Worthy, Cletus Schmidt, Mary White, Joe Cody, Cliff Lowen, Tanya Chvedine, Jim & Bev Clinton, Jeffrey Waldron, Adra Martz, Jun Piol Cuevas, Rudy Maligaya, Jack Williams, Gilberto Cerna, Tracy Rossello, David Bucklin, David Dominguez, Mary Jane Mulick, Olivia Campbell, Emily Dornford, Mike Scrack, Roy Fletcher, & Lynda Stoegbauer Flores.

LITURGY

DIRECTOR of LITURGY	Fr. William	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley	594-7575
	annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Brid Considine
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Carole Dellavalle
SECRETARIES	Vera Feliciani & Bridget Paluska
PTO PRESIDENT	Linda Smith

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Virginia Young	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA INQUIRY	Shane & Olga Cuda	594-4657
RCIA	Peter Baine	598-4130
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Roman & Julia Escoto	425-4834
	Terri Traucht	
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Bob Schallmann	594-0917
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0143
	rely5@verizon.net	
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	msanty@verizon.net	
FAMILY ROUND TABLE MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Marianne Schaeffer	594-8678
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL	Nancy Miller	429-2546
SENIOR GROUP	Michelle Parize	477-3647
TOGETHER IN MISSION	Betty Maligie	596-8287
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Victoria Higgins	597-6979
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Ron Steiner	431-7703
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Jim & Theresa Murphy	431-5025
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
GIRL SCOUTS	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785
CUB SCOUTS	Cynthia Stabelfeldt	421-8492
BOY SCOUTS	Douglas Alchorn	594-9407
	Tom Zofrea	493-2940

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE